



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Park Commission

*Consider:*

*Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Wednesday, August 9, 2023

5:30 PM Hybrid Meeting: in person at the Heritage Center Lower Level, 3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison; virtually via Zoom

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#### A. Call To Order

*Chair Thoresen called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:30 PM.*

*Staff Present: Joleen Stinson, Chris James, Lael Pascual, Samantha Boyd.*

**Present:** 5 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER, TOM THORESEN  
and GRACE MORAN

**Excused:** 2 - DAVE RIPP and KRISTIE GOFORTH

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#)  
[MIN-223](#)

Minutes of the July 26, 2023 Park Commission

**Attachments:** [2023 MIN-233 PC MINUTES 7-26-23](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by EICHER, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

#### C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments) - None

#### D. Items Requiring Committee Action

##### 1. City of Fitchburg proposed Syene/McCoy intersection reconstruction project

*The City of Fitchburg is planning an intersection reconstruction project at Syene Rd and McCoy Blvd to improve vehicle and Capital City Trail road crossing safety, the project was discussed at the last Park Commission meeting on July 26, 2023. Since then, the parties have come to the following understanding: Fitchburg agreed to fund the re-route the Capital City Trail around the north side of the parking lot and eliminate the additional proposed driveway crossing. Dane County will be responsible for paving and striping the existing gravel parking lot, and it will be possible to combine County paving with the Fitchburg trail paving bid through a forthcoming IGA. These projects will happen concurrently with the road project, but will not be included in the DOT cost share agreement or as a mitigation measure offered in the de minimis impact letter. Proposed ROW to be transferred to Dane County is approximately 0.41 acres.*

**A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by MORAN, to direct staff to sign the de minimis impact letter for the City of Fitchburg proposed Syene/McCoy intersection reconstruction project. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.**

[2023  
RPT-190](#)

City of Fitchburg proposed Syene/McCoy intersection reconstruction

**Attachments:** [City of Fitchburg proposed Syene McCoy intersection reconstruction project maps](#)  
[Deminimis Determination Letter](#)

**E. Presentations**

1. Proposed Dane County Parks 2024 Fee Changes

*The proposed fee increases were discussed one by one to solicit initial feedback before posting to the website and sending a press release advertising the public hearing on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Several commissioners requested to keep weekday shelter reservation rates lower than weekend rates. The remaining proposed fee increases received support and majority consensus.*

[2023  
RPT-226](#)

DRAFT 2024 Proposed Fee Changes

**Attachments:** [DRAFT 2024 Proposed Fee Changes](#)

**F. Reports to Committee - None**

**G. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

1. Wednesday, August 23, 2023  
Mendota County Park  
5133 County Highway M, Middleton
2. Wednesday, September 6, 2023 - Hybrid Meeting  
2024 Fee Public Hearing  
Heritage Center lower level  
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison

**H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

*Anissa Fellenz spoke in opposition of the Prairie Moraine County Park restoration work.*

**I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

**J. Adjourn**

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by MORAN, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

*Meeting adjourned 7:49 PM.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Joleen Stinson, pending Park Commission approval.*